HBCU/MI Contracting at Space Systems Company

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Lockheed Martin's Commitment to Small Business



- In GFY2016, awarded \$4.2 billion total U.S. dollars to 10,000 small businesses
- Lockheed Martin actively seeks diverse suppliers
 - Bring agility & new perspectives
 - Provide innovative solutions to complex challenges

Challenges Working with HBCU/MSI



Academia Mindset

- Different Business Infrastructure
- Research, Research
- Lack of Understanding about Aerospace Industry and Government Contracting
- Not Able or Prepared to "Sell" School Capabilities

Proposal Hurdles

- Schools Overwhelmed By The Flow Downs & Exhibits
- Terms & Conditions
- FFP Contracts vs. Cost Contracts / Time & Materials
- Rate Structure Offering Fully Burdened Rates
- Clearly Identifying Capabilities and Resources

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Contract Hurdles

- Government Contracting Process Is Long
 - Hard to Stay In Sync With Academic Calendar/Cycle
 - Large Investment of Time for Set Up of Contract
 - Opportunity Gone By The Time Proposed Work Is On Contract
- Offering Anything But Level of Effort Work Is Hard
 - Schools Aren't Set Up to Buy Materials
 - Schools Aren't Set Up Issue Subcontracts
 - Time Required to vet Gov't Approval Processes (Property, etc.)
 - Schools Aren't Set Up to Manage the Project and Invoice Accordingly





- 5 year, \$5M Master Agreements
 - Pre-negotiated Rates, Terms and Conditions
 - Fully Burdened Faculty, Students
 - Rates for Work at University or at Various LM Sites
 - Ability to Serve Multiple Programs, Customers, Contract Types
 - NASA, DoD, IRAD, Commercial
 - Work Issued by Task Order
 - Quick Turn-Around; Weeks, Not Months
 - Time & Materials Contracting
 - Invoiced Monthly, Paid Monthly

Our Four Partners:



- Florida A&M University
 - Mechanical Engineering & Test
 - Materials Technology & Processes
 - Composite Materials
 - High Performance Manufacturing Institute
- University of Las Vegas Nevada
 - Mechanical Engineering
 - Machining (5 axis, 3D, etc.)
 - Energy, Radiation and Solar Power Studies
 - Highly Advanced Robotics Lab
 - Materials Technology & Processes

- North Carolina A&T
 - Engineering
 - Nano-technology
 - Materials Technology & Processes
 - Composite Materials
 - Specialized Instrumentation
- Clark Atlanta University
 - Composite & Nanoscale Materials
 - Mechanical Engineering
 - Composites Processing
 - Thermal Analysis

